

waits for a subsequent data processing because the current state corresponds to the state in which the current data reception is completed.--

In The Claims

Please cancel claims 1-4, 6-8, 11, 12 and 16-38 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

--39. (New) An external display device of a refrigerator comprising:

a display unit on a door in the refrigerator, showing information on the state of the refrigerator;

at least one user-select key on the door;

a sub control unit at the door, said sub control unit receiving and transmitting signals generated by pressing the key and controlling the display unit;

a main control unit at a main body of the refrigerator, said main control unit controlling operations of internal devices in the refrigerator and communicating with the sub control unit;

a hinge unit mounted on the refrigerator and supporting the door; and

a communication means connecting to the main control unit and the sub control unit, said communication means passing through the hinge unit.--

--40. (New) The device of claim 39, wherein the main control unit and the sub control unit communicate with each other in serial data transmission.--

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--41. (New) The device of claim 39, wherein the main control unit and the sub control unit communicate with each other in asynchronous serial data transmission.--
